

Micah 2

1,2 They plan, plot, and carry out. This no sudden impulse. Because of greed they conceive a plan to take what is not theirs. They plot how they will go about getting it done. Then they execute their evil plan. Psalm 58:2 Sometimes it is in the power of our hands to do good or evil. Genesis 31:29 Proverbs 3:27 The only reason they do not commit more injustice for their selfish gain is they do not have the power to get away with it. When they have it they act on it. Verse 2 has that typical Hebrew repetition called parallelism. The inheritance or heritage is the ancestral lands that were to be passed down through the family from generation to generation.

3 God will provide a fit punishment that equates with their wickedness toward their fellowman. Just as they thought about evil and carried it out. God considers judgement that is fitting to the crime and carries it out. The victims of their crimes hung their heads in shame; the perpetrators will soon hang their heads in shame.

4 literally, "lament with a lamentation of lamentations." *Hebrew, naha, nehi, nihyah*, the repetition representing the continuous and monotonous wail. — Jamieson-Fausset-Brown Bible Commentary
They robbed the people of their ancestral lands, so now God takes it from them and gives it to Gentiles.

5 The people had become unjust and so God took back what He had given them and gave it to the heathen. The inheritance of Israel measured out to the tribes is no more. They will reap just what they have sown.

6 Amos 7:16 The false prophets tell the true prophets of God to be quiet. Does this happen today? In what way?

7 Isaiah 59:1,2 John 7:17 There has to be cooperation with the will of God to enter the blessing of God. His Word only helps those willing to let it change them.

8 Forgetting the Word of God and unjust actions go hand in hand. There is the desire for unjust gain so the Word of God is ignored. Just as if they had conquered an enemy and taken spoils of war, they rob their neighbor.

9 After killing the husband they boot his widow and orphaned child from the home to possess it for themselves.

- 10 Their sin has polluted the land and now they will be taken away captive from it. Just as they cast widows from their homes, so they will be taken away.
- 11 Ezekiel 13:3; Jeremiah 5:31 They want predictions of good rather than truth. Isaiah 30:10 Do we have the same problems today.
- 12 The promise of restoration is given, but note the word all. The Babylonian restoration was partial. Was it the shadow of a future full restoration of Israel?
- 13 We have a picture of the Messiah making a way to salvation (Isaiah 52:12), busting through the gates that keep them captive – ultimately sin, death, and hell. (see Hosea 13:14) Here the Messiah Deliverer is named their king, Jehovah! Hosea 3:5